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The situation at Kampot continues to stabilize, but Communist pressures persist. Timely and effective air support, along with an infusion of fresh infantry reinforcements, have enable government forces to re-establish Kampot's northern defensive perimeter and to begin operations to retake territory on the city's southeastern perimeter.

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The government's effort to retake Oudong, northwest of Phnom Penh, continues to flounder. A 2,500-man Cambodian Army relief force remains stalled about a mile east of the Communist-held town.

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Meanwhile,

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insurgent attacks northwest of Oudong have further circumscribed the defenses of Lovek, a government base where some 2,000 troops and more than 25,000 civilians are holed up.